

A Statewide Campaign Against Social Diseases By Oklahoma State Board of Health

IN CO-OPERATION WITH

The United States Public Health Service

*No Truce With the
Red Light District*

Keep Fighting
Venereal Diseases
the Enemy of
Reconstruction

*No Armistice With
Venereal Diseases*

No Compromise With Prostitution THE COUNTRY MUST BE KEPT CLEAN

The United States Public Health Service, the Army, the Navy and the Oklahoma State Board of Health know that is a task for hard-headed business men and professional men and capable women. It is a job for the citizens who don't intend to throw into the scrap heap their patriotism.

Venereal Disease Control a Peace Problem

If your boy was four times safer from venereal disease while in the army than he was in civil life, it may be evident to you that the housecleaning must begin at home.

The war showed not only the prevalence and seriousness of Venereal Diseases; it showed where the most of it is to be found, and demonstrated the best way to attack and eradicate it.

The "open town" propaganda.

You may hear, from the unthinking, "You are fanatically hounding the poor prostitute," or "Tip up the lid a bit, so everybody may have a good time, and business will be better." An open town may mean more business for some doctors, hospitals and undertakers. It certainly means prosperity for the pimps and landlords who live on the earnings of the unfortunate prostitute.

The mere abolishing of the redlight district is not the end of the cleanup of the community—it is the beginning.

Cheap Boarding Houses, Assignment Houses, Cafes, Dance Halls, Massage Parlors, Amusement Parks and For-Hire Automobiles are the refugees of clandestine prostitution. It takes a trained VICE SQUAD of the Police Department to watch such places. It takes PUBLIC OPINION to back up the police; and just remember this, MR. GOOD CITIZEN: The good people make the laws to make the other class be good. Spread all the ordinances on the minutes of your council and commissioners meeting you may think of, but remember, it took PUBLIC SPIRITED MEN AND CAPABLE WOMEN TO BOTH SELL AND BUY LIBERTY BONDS. Each attack on prostitution, by driving it more and more to cover, reduces the number of individual exposures to Venereal Diseases.

Wrong Traditions Kept Us From Facing Facts

The reports of Draft Boards and Camp Surgeons revealed, for the first time, that THE MAN POWER of our Nation had been seriously and insidiously undermined by Venereal Diseases. Faced with the fact that 80 per cent of the cases of Venereal Diseases discovered in the Military Camps were infected before the men left civil life, our Military Authorities threw aside evasion and prudery—the old shams and fakes about "sex necessity" and "licentious pleasure is incompatible with health." The Government faced the issue squarely that a person infected with a communicable Venereal Disease was a menace to the health and efficiency of the individual, the community, the nation, and a world fighting for democracy. The need was too urgent and too much depended upon real red-blooded Americans for us to risk sending any uncured moral lepers to defend us "Somewhere in France," and it was the untainted stamina which "Did Its Bit" in the industrial war work at home.

The state law is drastic.

Grafting quacks, advertising through the daily press to cure "Blood Disease and Lost Manhood" have been refused space in "the press" of Oklahoma. They can't even send their literature (?) through the mails. Such signs as announce this or that patent formula, purporting to cure Venereal Disease, have been torn down from public gaze. Many such were found in the washrooms of high schools of the state.

The best druggists are joining in the movement, in accord with the state statutes, refusing to sell Venereal Disease nostrums, to refer inquirers to reputable physicians, and report by name and address to the Oklahoma State Board of Health those persons insisting upon self-treatment. You don't see any further display of such advertisements as "Knox-It," etc.

Is demobilization to mean demoralization?

All Cases of Venereal Disease Are Made Reportable

The legislation on this subject has not been misunderstood by those ethical physicians who have had the interest of the patient more to heart than he has had in securing other similar cases. The law has not made it a CRIME to be infected with a Venereal Disease, but it does specifically require that those persons infected should go under the treatment of a reputable licensed physician to be cured, and that every precaution be carried out to prevent the further spread of the infection. So long as an infected person, other than a "common prostitute," remains under the care of his physician and Gives the Public a Square deal, the law requires that such a case be reported to the Health Authorities by number only.

ALL YOUNG MEN AND GIRLS need companionship, excitement and recreation. The contemptible profiteers of VICE take advantage of this fact. The sentimentalist and untrained enthusiast makes the mistake of not taking into consideration that the demand to "dehumanize" human nature is a vital blunder. TO DO ANYTHING WORTH WHILE IN THIS PROGRAM we have to be practicable. Outdoor play and sports, attractive lounging places, open houses and club reading rooms, fraternal activities, community singing, well supervised dance halls. All these have proven effective substitutes for the saloon and brothel. The Boys and Girls whose homes have been made attractive naturally seek each other's company and association and those less fortunate do likewise.

To keep communicable social disease from the peace conference of your fireside. Unconditional surrender is the government's demand for this remedy at home. A "No Man's Land" has been established.

This has not been an argument to prove a theory. It is an attempt to place facts before you, tell you what has been accomplished, how it was done.

Line up with your city administration to keep up the good work up.

FREE TREATMENT FOR VENEREAL DISEASES

The United States Public Health Service under the direction of DR. J. C. MAHR, Acting Assistant Surgeon, in charge of the Venereal Bureau of the United States Board of Health, has opened a

FREE CLINIC IN TULSA

At Rooms 217-218-219, Federal Bldg., Under the supervision of Dr. C. L. Reeder. Hours, Tuesday, 1 to 2:30 p. m.; Friday, 1 to 2:30 p. m. Each evening except Saturday and Sunday, 2 p. m. to 9:30 p. m.

Free Treatment for All Afflicted. No Publicity—Strict Secrecy—Confidential

The following pamphlets, written in a wholesome, clear-cut style, will be mailed free to any address in Oklahoma:

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| Set A—For Young Men. | Set D—For Parents. |
| Set B—For the General Public. | Set E—For Girls and Young Women |
| Set C—For Boys. | Set F—For Educators. |

Write to
The Bureau of Venereal Diseases

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